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**REMARKS**

Claims 17, 21, 25 and 32 have been amended. No claims have been added or canceled by way of this response. Thus, claims 17- 36 are currently pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Rejections Under Section 112:

Claims 17-36 stand rejected under U.S.C Section 112. Applicant has amended the claims to address the Examiner's Section 112 concerns, and hereby request withdrawal of these 112 rejections.

Response to Rejections Under Section 102

Claims 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by the article "Comparison of Wireless Standards-Setting" by Tan. The Examiner has indicated that if claims 17-32 were amended to "convey the vote is part of a single instance of communication between two users in real time" that Tan reference would not be applicable. Applicant has made such amendment and therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the Section 102 rejections.

Response to Rejections Under Section 103

Claim 23, which depends from independent claim 17, stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tan. As noted above, claim 17 contains allowable subject matter and has been amended to put the claim in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 23 also now stands in condition for allowance.

Request for Allowance of Claims 17 and 32

The Examiner has indicated in the Office Action that claims 17 and 32 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 112 rejections as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants have amended claims 17 and 32 as such and respectfully submit that claims 17 and 32 are in condition for allowance as well as claims 18 – 31 and 33-36 which depends on allowable claims 17 and 32.

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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